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REPORT

OF THE

STATE PRINTER.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
ADDISON C. GIBBS,
GOVERNOR OF OREGON:

PORTLAND, OREGON,
December 4, 1865. }

SIR:—The unlooked for delay in printing the Compilation of Laws, may render it desirable that some explanation be made.

The law authorizing the printing, contemplated its being done in the State, and to do so large a work it was necessary to purchase a press and type expressly for that purpose, as no press doing newspaper work was fit to be used. For this purpose, as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Legislature, I sent Mr A. G. Walling to San Francisco. He found no press suitable for the work for sale there, but was assured that one on the way was due in sixty days. Under this assurance, the press was purchased to arrive. Of paper there was not of one quality a sufficient quantity to do the work. All of one quality then in the market was purchased, and it was understood with Brooks & Co., the dealers, that more would be brought to that city by steamer, and that I could be supplied as needed. The press did not reach here until April last, at which time the work was commenced. As the work progressed, continued inquiries were made of Brooks & Co., as to the arrival of more paper of the same quality, and on the 26th of May, they wrote that it was being shipped round Cape Horn instead of by steamer, as agreed, and that the vessel was then fully due. The vessel arrived on the 5th of June. At this time I asked the Secretary of State to purchase the paper for the State, which was agreed to on the 9th of June, and sufficient paper was ordered to be purchased by the State Treasurer then in San Francisco, to complete the work. In the meantime, Messrs Brooks & Co., sold out and closed their business, reserving only a part of the paper. This was bought by the State Treasurer. Before selling out, the old firm had not ordered a further supply and the new firm sold all the paper on hand at higher rates than were to be paid by me. The Treasurer sent samples of California made paper, upon which it was suggested that the work might be finished, but on his return it was not thought best to use it, and the Secretary instructed me on the 25th of July to order through Ladd & Tilton enough paper to finish the work. This was done immediately, and the telegram went forward on the 27th.

As there would probably be some delay in the work, it was deemed advisable to publish the criminal code and justice's act in a separate pamphlet, for the ac-

condemnation of the public, they being the only laws passed at the last session which were not published in the official paper, and therefore not accessible to those interested. I permitted Mr. Walling to print two hundred copies. Those signatures had to be re-set, and the copies were printed on common paper. These pamphlets were to be sold at a price not above the cost of publication. Upon objection being made to their issue by the Secretary, they were withdrawn until after a correspondence between him and yourself in which he partially withdrew his objection. Of this pamphlet, not over thirty were sold and as many given away. The balance are in my possession.

On the 27th of July, the day on which the order went out for paper, the telegraph was destroyed by the Indians beyond Salt Lake, and was not repaired until the 23th of August. In the meantime, I made inquiry at the telegraph office, and was informed that when the line was down, duplicates of messages were usually sent by any express going through. On the 2d of September I learned that the telegram had just reached New York, and received an answer asking further instructions, which were sent on the 4th. On September 15th, the New York house of Ladd & Tilton informed their house here that there was no paper of the kind sent for in that market, but that orders had been dispatched to the mills to make it at once. Information has since been received, that the paper is now in San Francisco and will be here by the coming steamer.

Eight hundred and eight pages of the Code have been printed, a bound sample of which has been placed in the hands of the Secretary of State for public inspection.

I am Sir,

Yours Respectfully,

HENRY L. PITTOCK,
State Printer.

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